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SUBJECT: UNPUBLICIZED WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS

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- 1. WE HAVE A REPORT FROM A NABLUS BUSINESSMAN WHICH HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE CITY ENGINEER OF JENIN THAT ISRAELIS ARE PREPARING A SITE SEVERAL KILOMETERS EAST OF THE NABLUSJENIN ROAD NEAR THE ARAB VILLAGE OF SANUR (ABOUT 3515 E., 3221 N.). THE SITE IS ELEVATED AND PRESUMABLY HAS STRATEGIC VALUE. NO HABITATION REPORTED.
- 2. BBC CORRESPONDENT TELLS US HE HAS CHECKED WITH TRUSTED SOURCES IN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WHO ASSURE HIM NO UNPUBLICIZED SETTLEMENTS RECENTLY INITIATED. CORRESPONDENT ALSO ASSURED BY JEWISH AGENCY SETTLEMENT CHAIRMAN RA'ANAN WEITZ THAT NO UNPUBLICIZED SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY RECENTLY UNDERTAKEN BEYOND LAND SURVEYS, WATER TESTS, ETC.
- 3. COMMENT: SANUR SITE, IT TRULY A SETTLEMENT, WOULD BE NEW ONE IN OUR BOOKS. IT WOULD SEEM TOO FAR SOUTH TO BE GUSH SETTLEMENT OF DOTHAN AND TOO FAR NORTH TO BE GUS SETTLEMENT OF SEBASTIYA.

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